जनाब, इससे पहले भी मैंने एक स्पेशल मेंशन किया था कि जिला महबूबनगर का एक मकाम है कोडंगल, यह आंध्र प्रदेश और कर्नाटक का बार्डर का मकाम है और वहां के करीब 20–25 लाख लोग ऐसे हैं जो इन प्रोग्राम्स को सही तरीके से नहीं दिख पा रहे हैं । आम तौर पर यह मांग की जा रही है कि वहां एक ऐसी जगह पर टी०वी० टावर नसब किया जाए जो उस इलाके का सेंट्रली लोकेटेड मकाम हो और वहां रहने वाले लोग टी०वी० प्रोग्राम्स देख सकें । कोडगल में अगर आप टी०वी० टावर नसब करेंगे तो जिला रंगारेड्डी और कर्नाटक के जो मकामात हैं चिचौड़ी, सेड़म और यादगीर, यहां के लोग इन प्रोग्राम्स को अच्छी तरह देख सकेंगे । लिहाज़ा मैं इस स्पैशल-मेंशन के जरिए मिनिस्ट्री ऑफ इनफॉरमेशन एंड ब्राडकास्टिंग से दरख्वास्त करूंगा कि वे इस ओर तवज्जह दें और कोडंगल में एक टी०वी० टावर नसब करें ताकि जिला महबूबनगर और गलबर्गा के 20–25 लाख लोग अच्छी तरह से ये प्रोग्राम्स देख सकें । शुक्रिया ।

جناب۔ اس سے پہلے بھی میں نے اسپیشل مینشن کیا تھا کہ ضلع محبوب نگر کا ایک مقام ہے کوڈانگل یہ آندھرا پردیش اور کرناٹک کا بارڈر مقام ہے۔ اور وہاں کے قریب ۲۵-۲۰ لاکھ لوگ ایسے ہیں جو ان پروگراموں کو صحیح طریقے سے نہیں دیکھ پا رہے ہیں۔ عام طور پر یہ مانگ کی جا رہی ہے کہ وہاں ایک ایسی جگہ پر ٹی۔ وی ٹاور نصب کیا جائے۔ جو اس علاقہ کا سینٹرلی لوکیٹیڈ مقام ہو اور وہاں رہنے والے لوگ ٹی۔وی۔ پروگرامس دیکھ سکیں۔ کوڈانگل میں اگر آپ ٹی۔وی ٹاور نصب کریں گے تو ضلع رنگاریڈی اور کرناٹک کے جو مقامات ہیں چنچوڑی۔ سیڈم اور یادگیر۔ یہاں کے لوگ ان پروگرامس کو اچھی طرح دیکھ سکیں گے۔ لہٰذا میں اس اسپیشل مینشن کے ذریعہ منسٹری آف انفارمیشن اینڈ براڈکاسٹنگ سے درخواست کرونگا کہ وہ اس طرف توجہ دے اور کوڈانگل میں ایک ٹی۔ وی۔ ٹاور نصب کرے تاکہ ضلع محبوب نگر اور گلبرگہ کے بیس پچیس لاکھ لوگ اچھی طرح سے یہ پروگرام دیکھ سکیں۔ شکریہ

فری محمد خلیل الرحمٰن† آندھرا پردیش جناب وائس چیرمین بھارت سرکار یہ مسلسل دعویٰ کرتی ہے کہ دیش کے کونے کونے میں دور درشن سے پرسارت ہونے والے پروگراموں کو دیکھا جا رہا ہے۔ لیکن مجھے انتہائی افسوس کے ساتھ کہنا پڑتا ہے کہ آندھرا پردیش کے کچھ مقامات پر ابھی بھی لوگ دور درشن کے پروگراموں کو صحیح ڈھنگ سے نہیں دیکھ پا رہے ہیں۔ اس کی وجہ یہ ہے کہ جو ٹی وی ٹاورس نصب کئے گئے ہیں۔ وہ ان تمام جگہوں کی ضرورتوں کو پورا نہیں کر رہے ہیں اور وہاں جو پروگرام آتا ہے وہ بالکل دھندلا دکھائی دیتا ہے۔

3.00 P.M.

Reported refusal by the Planning Commission to include Teesta Barrage Project in the Eighth Five Year Plan

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA (West Bengal): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I rise to put before the House and to the Government through you a matter which is very vital for the backward North Bengal region of the West Bengal State.

It is regarding the Teesta Barrage Project which covers three districts of North

†[ ] Transliteration in Arabic Script.

[Prof. Sourin Bhattacharya]

Bengal. When it is fully implemented, the face of the North Bengal region would change. The West Bengal Government over the years has spent more than Rs. 300 crores for the construction of this Project, for the completion of this Project. So far, the Government of India's contribution to it has been more than Rs. 5 crores. Why is it so,? No explanation for it came forward from the side of the Union Government, whichever it might have been. Recently the present Water Resources Minister, Shri Vidya Charan Shukla, went to West Bengal and had discussions with the State Irrigation Minister. He agreed with him and said that Teesta Barrage Project is a national project. The West Bengal Irrigation Minister, Mr. Banerjee, had told him if he called it a project of national importance, that would enable the West Bengal Government to get money for it from the Planning Commission. The Minister has certified that Teesta Barrage Project was one of the schemes forwarded by his Ministry. But now it has come to light and the West Bengal Irrigation Minister gave it out in the press also that the Union Water Resources Minister had told him that in spite of his recommendations or its incorporation in the Water Resource Development Plan, the Planning Commission has refused to include Teesta Barrage Project under the Eighth Five-Year Plan for financial assistance. This is a strange thing. The Planning Commission should know the vital importance of the scheme for North Bengal. In spite of the fact that the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission knows it most intimately this project will not be included, according to the decision of the Planning Commission. That is what we have been told. This is a serious thing. My appeal to the Planning Commission and to the Government of India is that they should provide for adequate financial assistance to the Teesta Barrage Project so that the neglected North Bengal area may at long lost recover from poverty and negligence. I may point out if it is not done, there would definitely be a strong movement to compel the Government of India and the Planning Commission to include it within the Eighth Five-Year Plan.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): There are eight more Special Mentions. As per the List of the Business we are to take up the short duration discussion on this important issue of the earthquake. So, I would like to escertain the opinion of the House whether we should take up the short duration discussion or...

SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH (Bihar): Sir, I would request that we should first finish the Special Mentions.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Can the Minister wait for another half-an-hour for completion of the Special Mentions?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): I have to reply in the other House also. A discussion on cyclonic floods has been going on there. If you want to take up Special Mentions now then I will be absent. I will go to that House and reply there and come back and then reply here.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Can you give some idea by what time you will be in a position to come back?

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: They will inform me. They are going on with the discussion at the moment. My Minister of State is sitting there. He will inform me. When the time comes, I will go there.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): At 4.30 p.m. there is a statement also or there is nothing on the agenda. How can these things be tackled?

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: For the last three days they have been discussing floods and cyclone.

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV (Uttar Pradesh): Let the Special Mentions be finished first.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M A. BABY): Jakharji, I think we wil complete special mentions and then tak up the short duration discussion. When the message comes from the Lok Sabha you can go there. In the meantime, you can ask your Deputy Minister to com over here and take down the notes Later on you can reply to it.